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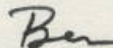
Dear Jim:

After reading your reviews in the N. C. H. R. and the J. S. H. I have become convinced that you have no ambitions~~x~~ at all. In fact you are likely to become an honest historian--this, my boy, is a rare thing.

I trust that your cortisone was not responsible for such reviews. Or perhaps you are not on it any more and are merely being your natural self.

I am busily engaged in doing nothing--a pastime which I find greatly rewarding. If you don't learn to play the game you will be in the same position. Characters like you are exactly the reason I shan't write any books. The next thing anyone knows you will be another Forrest McDonald. My regards to my friends there and my love to Dutch.

Sincerely,



Bennett H. Wall

BHW:noa